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In re Application of Douglas T. Gjerde et al : Art Unit No. 1656

Serial No. New : Examiner J. Siew

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For: MODIFYING DOUBLE-STRANDED DNA TO ENHANCE SEPARATION BY  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Drawings

Please substitute the enclosed seven sheets of formal drawings for the nine sheets of informal drawings which were filed with patent application Serial No. 09/183,450.

In the Specification

On page 1, cancel lines 4-13 and substitute therefor,

— This application is a Continuation of co-pending, commonly assigned patent application Serial No. 09/169,440 filed on October 9, 1998. —

On page 1, above line 1; page 2, above line 1; page 3, above line 1; page 4, above line 1; page 5, above line 1; page 6, above line 1; page 7, above line 1; page 8, above line 1; page 9, above line 1; page 10, above line 1; page 11, above line 1; page 12, above line 1; page 13, above line 1; page 14, above line 1; page 15, above line 1; page 16, above line 1; page 17, above line 1; page 18, above line 1; page 19, above line 1; page 20, above line 1; page 21, above line 1; page 22, above line 1; page 23, above line 1; page 24, above line 1; page 25, above line 1; page 26, above line 1; page 27, above line 1; page 28, above line 1; page 29, above line 1; page 30, above line 1;